

Fire Safety Code Board

Of Appeal and Review

May 15, 2007

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met in Conference Room 109 located at 260 West Exchange Street, Providence RI on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Coutu and Commissioners Richard, Blackburn, Jackson, Preiss and Pearson. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey and Assistant Administrative Officer Carol Marsella. The following cases were heard.

APPEAL # 050112B: Mr. Richard Mancini and Mr. Norm Tremblay, for the property located at 123 Dexter Street, Providence. Chief Deputy R. Michael DiMascolo appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Blackburn and Jackson, to grant a variance cited in deficiencies #1 and 4 on the basis of structural hardship. The Applicant is further granted a time variance of 120 days in which to correct all outstanding deficiencies. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #060776: Mr. Kenneth Tetzner, for the property located at 323 Main Street, South Kingstown. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Preiss, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty days in which to submit plans and an additional 120 days to make the required corrections. This time

variance can be extended by the AHJ for good cause shown. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #040246, 060745, 060746, 060747, 060748: Country Lane Condo Association, for the properties located at 300 Smithfield Road, North Providence (Buildings 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5). ADSFM Wheeler appeared for the North Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Blackburn and Jackson, to grant the following relief. Variances based on structural hardship are granted for winders, stair height, step height, threshold height, and ceiling height in cited areas. The Applicant is granted a time variance of one year in which to provide sprinklers in portico 5, with the ability for the AHJ to extend that time period for good faith shown. The Applicant is granted a time variance of 120 days in which to correct all other outstanding items, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the North Providence Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #070213: Ms. Donna Polofsky, for the property located at 652 East Avenue, Warwick. ADSFM George Potter appeared for the Warwick Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the following relief. The Applicant is granted a variance not to install a municipally connected system in this facility, emergency lighting and exit signage on the third floor and a second means of egress from the third floor, provided that the third floor of this facility remains unoccupied. The

Applicant is granted a variance to maintain the existing winders based on structural hardship and is granted a variance to allow the swing of the existing front door. The Applicant is granted a time variance of 120 days in which to correct any outstanding deficiencies. This file will remain open. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #070180: Moses Brown School, for the property located at 17-67 Alumni Avenue, Providence. ADSFM George Calise appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn abstained from consideration of this case. Commissioner Preiss made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to approve the Applicant's plan of action and requested time extension to install sprinklers in the field house on this campus. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #020062B: Chief George. S. Farrell, for the property located at 325 Washington Street, Providence. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to grant the Applicant's request for an art show to be held in the atrium of the above captioned facility in June of 2007, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Providence Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #050047, 050200, 050386, 050607, 060644: Mr. Peter Taraian, for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Providence. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Richard and Blackburn,

to grant the Applicant a time variance of 120 days in which to correct all outstanding deficiencies at the Louisa Street facility, which may be opened immediately while work is being done. It is the understanding of the Board that the normal occupancy of this building will be under three hundred persons, therefore no sprinkler system is required. A second motion was made by Commissioner Jackson and seconded by Commissioner Richard to approve the Applicant's plan of action for the remaining four facilities. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #070235: RI Airport Corporation, for the property located at the SE corner of Jefferson Blvd and Coronado in Warwick. (Elevated Fueling Area) DSFM Wade Palazini appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Preiss was not present for this matter. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to approve the Applicant's plan of action in this matter, there being no objection by the State Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #070236: RI Airport Corporation, for the property located at the SE corner of Jefferson Blvd. and Coronado, Warwick (Skywalk). DSFM Wade Palazini appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Preiss was not present for this matter. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard to approve the requested variance based on compliance with the provisions of the building code and the addition of line-type heat detection, as agreed to by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

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